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SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT RE ISRAEL

1. ISRAELI EMBASSY, AT THE REQUEST OF ISRAELI EMBASSY IN HAGUE, HAS BROUGHT TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION ARTICLE APPEARING IN DUTCH WEEKLY, FREI NEDERLAND, WRITTEN BY ONE PATRICIA HIGHSMITH, IN WHICH AUTHOR ATTRIBUTES AN OBVIOUSLY DISTORTED STATEMENT CONCERNING U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. AS RELATED BY ISRAELI EMBOFF, HIGHSMITH STATES THAT STATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO HER LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER SAID, INTER ALIA, "THERE IS MORE SUPPORT FOR U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE, DESPITE THE LONG HISTORY OF ZIONISM." ISRAELIS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED TO ESTABLISH THAT NO SUCH STATEMENT WAS MADE.

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2. WE HAVE SEARCHED PUBLIC AFFAIRS RECORDS OF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE AND CAN FIND NO RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH MS. HIGHSMITH. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ATTEMPTING IN LOW-KEY MANNER TO OBTAIN FROM MS. HIGHSMITH, THROUGH EDITORS OF FREI NEDERLAND, MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED STATEMENT IN QUESTION, INCLUDING A MORE PRECISE QUOTATION AND NAME OF THE OFFICIAL

TO WHOM SHE ATTRIBUTES THE STATEMENT. COOPER

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